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The Honorable Edward P. Boland
House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C.   20515

Dear Mr. Boland,

    I wanted to contact you regarding some information that I've
just received. I have regularly enjoyed contributing to the Simon
Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies that is located in Los
Angeles, CA. Through their communications I am aware that there is
a chance that Mr. Raoul Wallenberg may still be alive in a Soviet
Gulag. I wanted to share these developments with you.

    This Mr. Wallenberg almost single-handedly saved more than
10,000 innocent Jews from being murdered by the Germans in 1944.
His work in Hungary enabled thousands of people to escape from the
infamous German death trains. Wallenberg, using his authority as a
diplomat personally intervened whenever he could to the point of
jumping atop deportation trains and distributing Swedish passports
that permitted these otherwise condemned people to detrain.

    When Russia captured Hungary in 1945 Wallenberg was taken pri-
soner and disappeared within the Soviet prison system with neither
charge nor trial. Until recently little has been available on his
condition. There have been several responsible eye-witness reports
that Wallenberg is alive. Considering his own many sacrifices then,
we owe it to him now to do whatever can be done.

    I felt that I must contact you as my Massachusetts Representa-
tive. I will also contact Mssrs. Muskie, Tsongas, Kennedy and the
Ambassadors of Russia and Sweden which is the site this fall of an
International Tribunal called to hear testimony on Mr. Wallenberg.
If this great man is alive we should do everything to find him, and,
if possible, to free him. I realize that, you and I, we are just
ordinary individuals against the USSR, yet it was the ordinary indi-
viduals that Mr. Wallenberg saved. I implore you to do whatever can
be done to force the Soviets to clarify Mr. Wallenberg's fate. Only
by an informed world-wide public outcry might the Soviets be forced
to respond. This is a matter of honor which I hope has your support.
I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

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